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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No.(s) 2000-354369 filed November 21, 2000.

A certified copy of said Japanese Application is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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